

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
JANUARY 4, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.
COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH
MAYOR GRAHAM**

ALSO PRESENT: **MARY M. CORRIVEAU, CITY MANAGER
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

The City Manager presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2010
- 2 - Appointment to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Jeffry J. Weldon
- 3 - Approving Salary Structure, and Annual Pay Increase for Watertown Housing Authority Employees
- 4 - Authorizing Public Auction for Sale of City Owned Properties
- 5 - Finding that Construction of a Hospice Residential Center at 1398 Gotham Street, Parcel No. 13-18-103.200, Will Not Have a Significant Negative Impact on the Environment
- 6 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$217,500 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay Part of the \$280,000 Estimated Maximum Cost of the Purchase of Refuse/Yard Waste Collection Vehicles, in and for Said City
- 7- Elected and Appointed Officials, NYS Retirement System, New Regulation Reporting Requirements
- 8 - Wastewater Treatment Plant, New Customer Update

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2009 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Butler and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Mayor Graham welcomed Council Members Smith and Macaluso to a new term on Council.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Wayne Zimmer, Katherine Street, addressed the chair that someone had commented to him on how nice the lights look on Public Square.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the City Manager thanking the following individuals for donations toward the replacement of the damaged Menorah: Mr. Neil Katzman, Mrs. George Katzman, Matthew Doheny, Roxanne Burns and Elizabeth Payne.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

A claim against the City was resubmitted by John and Suzanne Buckingham for water damage to their basement.

ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT

R E S O L U T I O N S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

RESOLVED that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010:

Community Bank, N.A.
HSBC Bank USA
Key Bank
WSB Municipal Bank

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, WSB Municipal Bank and Key Bank each be required to either execute a bond, deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral or to deposit at a mutually agreed upon depository approved collateral of a value up to FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000).

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M.BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER ABSTAINING

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler remarked that he thought we were looking to expand the list of banks.

Mr. Mills explained that banks have to be within the City limits per the City Charter. He also advised that while the Carthage bank is inside the City, it is as savings and loan and not eligible to be a depository for the City.

Prior to the roll call vote on the resolution, Council Member Butler commented to Mayor Graham that he would recuse himself as he works in banking.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, hereby appoints Jeffry J. Weldon, 929 Ives Street, Watertown, New York, to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees, to fill the unexpired term of Marlene Casey, which term expires December 31, 2016.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Jeffry Weldon addressed the Council thanking Council and the library board for their consideration.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS in conformity with the requirements of the New York State Public Housing Law § Section 32, Sub Division 1, compensation for Watertown Housing Authority employees can be fixed only upon the approval of the local legislative body, which is the City Council of the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Housing Authority has reported that based on a comparability review of salaries for their employees with prevailing local government salaries, it is the desire of the Watertown Housing Authority Board to authorize a three percent (3%) cost of living increase for all employees effective January 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS by resolution adopted on December 15, 2009, the Watertown Housing Authority Board approved a three percent (3%) cost of living increase for all employees, effective January 1, 2010, by modification to its existing Administrative and Maintenance salary structures,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the 2010 salary structure for all employees of the Watertown Housing Authority which contains a three percent (3%) cost of living increase, effective January 1, 2010, salary structures are attached and made part of this resolution and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the resolution to the Watertown Housing Authority.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Burns commented that she is concerned with the process. She remarked that Council has to ultimately approve the raises but are not involved in the WHA budget or how they arrived at the raises they propose.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council and the City Manager have tried to set numbers for City raises in a lower range. When this resolution comes through from a third party, it puts Council in somewhat of a bind.

Council Member Burns commented that it puts Council in a precarious position.

Mayor Graham remarked that the WHA management employees also get step increases, but City management staff does not.

Council Member Smith referred to Mr. Robare's letter concerning the prevailing local salaries and asked if that statement is in the law.

Attorney Slye remarked that the law says with approval of the WHA board and the approval of Council.

Council Member Burns asked Mrs. Corriveau if the WHA board had met with her prior to this being sent over.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that they did not.

Council Member Burns remarked that she sees this as another disconnect in the process.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that it is the way the original board was set up because the City was the sponsoring authority.

Mayor Graham remarked that the resolution seems tardy in that this was to go into effect on January 1st.

Council Member Burns asked if the local salaries referred to are just in the City or does it include the County as well. She remarked that she would hope that the WHA board is not looking at the school district raises.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council has no knowledge of the WHA fiscal climate.

Mrs. Corriveau will do outreach to Mr. Robare and the WHA board president.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns certain lots of land acquired at Tax Sale and designated on the map of the Department of Assessment and Taxation of the City of Watertown, New York as follows:

<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Address</u>
4-23-102.000	525 Main Street East
4-23-101.000	531 Main Street East
4-15-103.000	659 Main Street East
4-16-103.001	575 Water Street
4-16-105.001	563 Water Street
4-16-106.000	555 Water Street

And,

WHEREAS title to said land has been retained by the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems the properties to be excess and not required for any City purposes, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to ensure that properties such as those listed above be brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code and all City of Watertown zoning and health codes within one (1) year of their sale to subsequent buyers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 23, Subdivision (b) of the General City Law, Section 247 of the Charter of the City of Watertown as amended by Local Law No. 1, 1985, adopted December 3, 1984, effective January 17, 1985, and the ordinance, Municipal Code, Chapter 13 adopted by the Council, on June 6, 1977, the Comptroller of the City of Watertown be and he hereby is authorized to publish a Notice of Sale of the parcels of land above mentioned once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown to the effect that said parcels of land will, at 10:00 a.m. on the 25th day of January, 2010, in the 3rd Floor City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 245 Washington Street, be offered individually for sale to the highest bidder and there present, under the conditions herein set forth:

The aforesaid parcels are conveyed, together with all rights and privileges affecting the same, and also together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances located upon said described parcels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to accept bids for said parcels, in an amount not less than the minimum price set below, subject to the rights of the said City Council to reject any and all bids, and

<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Minimum Bid Price</u>
4-03-102.000	525 Main Street East	\$ 250
4-03-101.000	531 Main Street East	\$ 100
4-15-103.000	659 Main Street East	\$ 100
4-16-103.001	575 Water Street	\$ 600
4-16-105.001	563 Water Street	\$ 500

4-16-106.000

555 Water Street

\$ 300

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the highest bidder deposit at least ten percent (10%) of the bid price at the same time of each said successful bid with the City Comptroller, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said parcels of land shall be then sold to the successful bidder for cash or certified funds only, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice of Sale, any offer to purchase, and any deed issued by the City contain a provision that if the property sold is not brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the State Fire Prevention and Building Code and all City of Watertown zoning and health codes within one (1) year of the City's delivery of the deed to the buyer, the City shall have the right to seek reversion of title to the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said bids shall be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for their approval or rejection, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City reserves the right to withdraw any parcel prior to the public sale of said parcels.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS Matthew Morgia of Aubertine and Currier, on behalf of Hospice of Jefferson County, has made an application for site plan approval of a 17,000 square foot building that will include offices for Hospice and an 8-bed residential center and a 1,120 square foot maintenance building at 1398 Gotham Street, Parcel No. 13-18-103.200, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS construction of the proposed project would constitute such an "action," and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the proposed project is an "unlisted action" as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2(ak), and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed project will have a significant adverse impact on the environment, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by the applicant, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that

1. Based upon its examination of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and comparison of the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant adverse impact on the environment is known and the approval and construction of the proposed project will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment
2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute a negative declaration under SEQRA.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. To pay part of the cost of the purchase of refuse/yard waste collection vehicles, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, a class of objects or purposes, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$217,500 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$280,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$217,500 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance and \$62,500 current funds of the City, hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision twenty-nine of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City

Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent such appropriation is not made from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable, as shall be established in proceedings under Section 93 of the City Charter.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler referred to the fact that this would be repaid over a five year period rather than the ten year period presented in the budget.

Mr. Mills explained that since they were licensed vehicles, they could only be for five years under law.

Council Member Butler remarked that he would be inclined to spend \$217,000 from the general fund rather than finance it.

Council Member Smith agreed saying that we would be losing money if we are only making 1% on our money, but paying 4% out in interest on the bond. He remarked that if we pay for it upfront, we won't be losing 3% a year.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that this is assuming we borrow at 4%. Experience is somewhat different. She commented that it gets back to spending all of your savings when we don't know where the state aid is going to be. We are down \$160,000 right now.

Council Member Smith remarked that if we bond and the state payments are down, we are still paying for it. He wondered if it wasn't better to pay it now and keep the 2% in the bank.

Mayor Graham remarked that this has a cascading effect because when these bond ordinances come up, we deviate from what was agreed to in the budget. He remarked that he sympathizes with Mr. Mills' frustrations. He remarked that every time one of these comes before Council, this same argument comes back.

Council Member Smith remarked that he totally understands what Mr. Mills is saying.

Council Member Macaluso commented that Mr. Mills' comfort level is not with buying them outright. She also commented that we can't keep digging into the general fund. We need to keep a cushion and she agreed with Mr. Mills that it makes sense to bond.

Council Member Butler responded that if he knows his revenue is going to be down, he is not going out to borrow money.

Mayor Graham asked what would happen relative to the budget if the bond ordinance failed.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that she would look to Mr. Hayes and ask if he could wait until next year. She remarked that these should have been replaced in 2007-08.

Council Member Smith asked what would happen if we paid ½ and bonded for ½.

Mr. Mills responded that he would still not be comfortable as the fund balance is going down.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that staff is comfortable paying \$125,000 for items through the general fund. However, they are not comfortable paying out \$200,000 for items. She advised that they are paying out \$67,000 for these and that is their comfort level.

Mr. Hayes addressed the chair explaining that the vehicles can make it through another year. However, the cost will be \$40,000-\$50,000 in the delay. He advised that in the delay, they have spent about \$15,000 on each vehicle.

Mrs. Corriveau reviewed the budget listing the various vehicles that are planned for replacement from now until 2013-14. She advised that her concern is about moving them into different budget years and increasing costs and not shifting other vehicles out.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council members have the following options: voting the ordinance down, approving the ordinance or amending the ordinance. He asked Council for their decision.

Council Member Smith commented that he is in favor of buying the vehicles and continuing the service. He stated that his dilemma is to bond or pay outright. He remarked that if we bond, we are still going to have dwindling state revenues and asked if it wasn't better to retain the interest that bonding would cost and just pay from the general fund for the vehicles.

Mrs. Mill responded that Moody's likes to see a good stable reserve fund. They also recognize that the City is increasing paying up front for items.

Council Member Butler remarked that he is curious as to what Moody's would consider an adequate fund balance.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that Moody's looks at how we put a plan together and stick to that plan. They look at us as having volatile revenue streams.

Council Member Butler remarked that we didn't stick to the plan as they vehicles were scheduled to be purchased in 2007-08.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that they weren't purchased only because of the circumstances outside of our control.

Mayor Graham remarked that this is a "ground hog day" discussion and we just keep revisiting this issue every time a bond ordinance comes before Council.

Council Member Smith remarked that taking a relook at it is not a bad thing.

Council Member Macaluso remarked that Mr. Mills is trying to prevent things from getting out of control.

Mr. Mills answered questions posed by Council Member Butler concerning bond anticipation notes.

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER VOTING NAY.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Wastewater Treatment Plant, New Customer Update

City Council reviewed the memo and report from Mr. Sligar concerning this. While this does not need a vote by City Council, staff felt that Council should be advised of the fact that the wastewater treatment plant would be taking 35,000± gallons of well flowback wastewater from the Ross#1 vertical gas well drilled in Otsego County, NY. This is being done with authorization by the DEC. The 35,000± gallons will be delivered via 6,000 gallon tankers with the first two to be received January 5th. A five week monitoring program will be conducted at the plant with unique costs of same being paid for by the developer of the wells.

Mr. Hauk answered questions posed by Council concerning this. He explained that the \$1,200 fee is for the 35,000± gallons. He said that there is currently not a premium rate for this service.

Mayor Graham responded that it should be a higher rate. He also asked how much the testing cost.

Mr. Hauk explained that the testing was paid for by the company.

Mayor Graham asked what the cost was in terms of man hours. He questioned it being driven through the fairgrounds if it had radioactivity.

Mr. Hauk advised that it has less radioactivity than a brick building and about the same amount as sunlight.

Council Member Smith asked what the effect would be on the micro-organisms and if there would be a spike.

Mr. Hauk responded that there had been no impact through the test results. However, that is why they want to do post testing during the monitoring program.

Council Member Smith commented that we should take another look at the rate schedule and establish a premium rate.

Mayor Graham remarked that there has to be a dozen sewage treatment plants between Watertown and Otsego County. He commented that obviously there is something about this subject that let all the other ones to pass on it.

Mr. Hauk advised that the plant currently has tankers that drive here from much farther away.

Mayor Graham asked if there were no other plants approved to accept this.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that none were approved through the DEC. She also reminded Council that this is just a test delivery.

Council Member Macaluso asked how often they would want to bring tankers once the testing is completed.

Mr. Hauk remarked that he doesn't know at this time. He also remarked that City staff wouldn't do this, if they thought there would be an impact. The material is currently being stored in tankers on the company's site.

Mayor Graham responded that something about this doesn't ring true in terms of disposal.

Council Member Smith asked if Mr. Sligar could be included in the next work session.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that he could attend the next regular meeting on January 19th.

Council Member Burns asked if it would make more sense to wait and see the results from the testing before we have more discussions. She remarked that while this doesn't require a Council vote, as an elected official she could picture this as being a debatable issue in the community.

Mayor Graham remarked that a lot of man hours have gone into this for very little return. The fact that no one else wants it, is very telling.

Christmas Lights in Public Square

Council Member Butler advised that has received more comments about the lights not being on in Public Square. There seems to be an inconsistency with them.

Mayor Graham advised that he had spoken with Mr. Green and the card has to be sent away or a new one purchased.

Council Member Butler asked what the scheduled hours were supposed to be.

Mrs. Corriveau said they should be 6:20, 7:20 and 8:20 p.m..

Mayor Graham suggested ordering a new card early for next year.

Cleanup in Thompson Park

Council Member Butler gave compliments to the staff for the cleanup in the park.

Street Lights

Council Member Smith asked at what point that Attorney Slye could get involved with National Grid for replacing light poles and luminaires. He commented that this has been going on for well over a year.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that she has discussed this with National Grid. She received a written response that they are going to replace all the lights that are down with new poles and new luminaires. The poles are on their property and they are waiting for the luminaires.

Mrs. Corriveau also referred to the conduit on Washington Street that was crushed during the construction at SMC.

Council Member Smith remarked that there is a large pot hole there.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the contractor was notified that it has to be fixed by Friday.

Contracts with City Manager and City Clerk

Mayor Graham advised that copies of these contracts, as well as the evaluation forms, would be available for the next regular Council meeting.

Cables Rates

Mayor Graham remarked that as the cable rates go up, so does the revenue stream for the City because of the franchise agreement.

Menorah Donations

Mayor Graham thanked everyone who donated. To date, there has been \$760 in donations.

Sales Tax Abatement

Mayor Graham remarked that the sales tax abatement for certain entities as it relates to economic development affects all the municipalities in the County. He remarked that we don't get to participate in growth or revenues as it comes in. He commented that council members in all communities should be more active in these debates.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that she had some concerns regarding this as well.

ADJOURNMENT

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.
BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER
BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Donna M. Dutton
City Clerk